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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents cited in the International Search Report for International Application PCT/EP02/11750 of which the above-referenced application is a continuation:

- (1) FR 2 731 616 A1, September 20, 1996, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet); Applicants note that this document is also cited in the German Search Report for German Patent Application No. 101 53 023.4 of which the above-referenced application claims priority;
- (2) EP 0 739 619 A1, October 30, 1996; Applicants note that this document is also cited in the German Search Report for German Patent Application No. 101 53 023.4 of which the above-referenced application claims priority;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,162,834 (SEBILLOTTE-ARNAUD et al.), December 19, 2000;

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(4) WO 01/30309 A1, May 3, 2001;

(5) U.S. Patent No. 6,428,775 B1 (HABIF et al.), August 6, 2002; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (4);

(6) Griffin W C: "CALCULATION OF HLB VALUES OF NON-IONIC SURFACTANTS", Journal of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists, Vol. 5, No. 249, pp. 249-256, May 14, 1954.

Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to the following additional documents cited in the German Search Report for German Patent Application 101 53 023.4 of which the above-referenced application claims priority:

(7) EP 1 166 772 A1, January 2, 2002, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet);

(8) EP 0 422 862 A2, April 17, 1991;

(9) U.S. Patent No. 5,011,681 (CIOTTI et al.), April 30, 1991; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (8).

Further, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents:

(10) DE 44 24 210 A1, January 11, 1996; this document is cited and discussed on page 5, third paragraph of the present application;

(11) U.S. Patent No. 5,653,988 (GERBER et al.), August 5, 1997; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (10);

(12) WO 96/17591, June 13, 1996; this document is cited and discussed on page 5, fourth paragraph of the present application.

Furthermore, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following unpublished U.S. Patent Applications:

- (13) Serial No. 10/849,806, filed May 21, 2004 having the title **"SKIN CLEANSING PREPARATION"** (Applicant: Harald ALBRECHT et al.);
- (14) Serial No. 10/864,482 filed June 10, 2004 having the title **"TALC-CONTAINING COSMETIC CLEANSING EMULSIONS"** (Applicant: Stephan RUPPERT et al.).

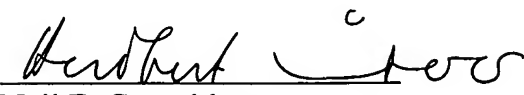
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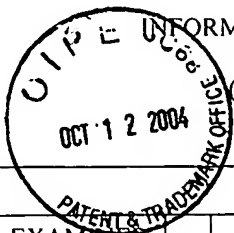
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